

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

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SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES
CHAPTER 1300 – DME, DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES AND SUPPLEMENTS

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS

Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1300 is being revised to provide a more detailed explanation of coverage criteria for disposable incontinent supplies.

A clarification is being added to the Prior Authorization section that product limitations may be exceeded with a prior authorization unless otherwise stated in policy. These changes will be effective upon approval of the public hearing.

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CHAPTER 1300 – DURABLE
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, DISPOSABLE
SUPPLIES AND SUPPLEMENTS

Sec. 1304.A.1.f

Added “Unless otherwise stated in policy,
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**Appendix B – Disposable Incontinent
Supplies-Qualifications**

Added “1. Disposable briefs/diapers, pull-
ons/protective underwear,
liners/shields/guards/pads/undergarments,
and underpads may be covered for
individuals age 4 years and older with a
medical diagnosis (1) of a neurological or

MATERIAL SUPERSEDED

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CHAPTER 1300 – DURABLE MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT, DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES
AND SUPPLEMENTS

Deleted “A”

Deleted “Disposable diaper are not covered
for any individual under the age of 3 years
unless the child is diagnosed with Human
Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) positive or
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
(AIDS), with accompanying gastrointestinal

neuromuscular disorder or other diagnosis of a medical condition that causes urinary or bowel incontinence, and (2) a diagnosis of urinary and/or bowel incontinence.”

Added “2. Diagnoses must be supported by medical documentation which includes other recent (within past 6 months) interventions used to treat or ameliorate the incontinence, such as but not limited to a bowel and bladder training/retaining program, other toileting programs, exercise and strengthening regimens.”

Added “3. The individual’s weight, waist/girth measurements, and belt-to-belt measurements must be consistent with manufacturer’s recommendations for the sizing of their products.”

Added “4. Recipients with waist size greater than 60 inches may be considered for Bariatric size briefs/diapers.”

Added “5. Individuals under 4 years of age must have a diagnosis of Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) positive or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) with an accompanying gastrointestinal abnormality causing frequent or intractable diarrhea which is documented by the prescribing practitioner.”

Appendix B – Disposable Incontinent Supplies-Forms Required

Added “1. A physician’s order. In addition to other requirements for written orders, the prescriber must indicate on the written order all of the following: a. Diagnosis of medical condition causing incontinence with a diagnosis of urinary and/or bowel incontinence; b. The specific item (diaper/brief, pull-on, liner/shield/guard/pad, underpads) and the

abnormality causing frequent or intractable diarrhea which is documented by a prescribing physician; *or* Recipients over the age of 3 years must have a diagnosis of incontinence.”

Deleted “1. The request must be prior authorized.”

Deleted “2. Diapers for recipients over the age of 3 years do not require PA unless quantity limitations are (300/month) are exceeded.”

order must specify the recipient's measurements for the ordered item; c. Frequency of replacement and/or changes needed and monthly quantity of each item to be dispensed; d. The size of the item to be dispensed including the individual's current weight, waist/girth and belt to belt measurements to support the size of product needed. The size of the product supplied must be consistent with the manufacturers recommendation for their product."

Added "2. Documentation of other interventions tried or currently in progress to treat or ameliorate the incontinence."

Added "3. Documentation must be included in the medical record and must be part of the treatment plan for the individual. The supplier must retain copies of all supporting documentation for audits."

Appendix B – Disposable Incontinent Supplies-Comments

Added "1. Use of diapers and related products for individuals under the age of 4 years old are considered age-appropriate and are non-covered, unless the individual meets the qualifications and the order was a result of an EPSDT screening. These would require Prior Authorization."

Added "2. PA is required for code T4543, Bariatric size brief/diapers."

Added "3. Refer to the DMEPOS Fee Schedule for additional product limitations and PA requirements. PA may be submitted to exceed established limits for these products when medical documentation clearly indicates a greater quantity is medically necessary."

Added “4. Use of multiple types of briefs, diapers, pull-on or protective underwear in any size combination cannot exceed the maximum limit either 100 units or 186 units per month depending on the item without PA. Liners, shields, guards, pads, and underpads in any combination cannot exceed the maximum limit of 100 units per month without PA and may be in addition to diapers, briefs, pull-ons or protective underwear.”

Added “5. Gloves, sterile or non-sterile and disposable wipes/washcloths are not considered medically necessary for use with incontinence care and are non-covered.”

Added “6. Underpads used for tube feedings or other procedures not related to incontinence are non-covered as these would be considered convenience items and not medically necessary.”

Added “7. Any products used for menses are non-covered.”

Added “8. Failure of the provider to maintain required documentation could result in post-payment recoupments of monies paid.”